## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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### **Situation Report**

#### Severe Storms

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#### CURRENT UPDATES IN BOLD-FACE TYPE

PLEASE NOTE—Individuals needing assistance should first contact the FEMA Help Line to Register – 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The line is staffed from 8am-6pm, 7 days/week.

#### **Situation:**

Another round of severe storms moved through southern Missouri late Tuesday and overnight on Wednesday. The National Weather Service and SEMA received reports of tornados touching down near Caruthersville and Deering in Pemiscot County. One unoccupied FEMA trailer was blown over, and some localized power outages were reported. Damage assessment is expected to continue today. In Dunklin County, minor damages were reported to some houses due to straight line winds. No injuries or fatalities were reported in either location.

State and Federal officials continue to assist persons affected by two storm-related disasters with recovery efforts. A total of 41 counties have been designated for some form of federal assistance under various programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). On Tuesday, FEMA issued two amendments for the disaster declared by President Bush on March 16<sup>th</sup> that covered the initial round of storms that hit Missouri (FEMA-1631-DR). Amendment #4 designated Lawrence and Vernon Counties for all categories of Public Assistance (both had previously been designated for Individual Assistance). Amendment #5 expanded the incident period to March 8-13, 2006 (previously March 11-13).

Individual Assistance (IA) programs are now available for the disaster declared by President Bush on March 16<sup>th</sup> for the initial round of storms of **March 8-13** in a total of 37 counties (Bates, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Cooper, Crawford, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Iron, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, New Madrid, Newton, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Putnam, Randolph, St Clair, Ste Genevieve, Scott, Saline, Taney, Vernon, Webster, Wright). IA programs provide assistance for individuals and business-owners who suffered losses because of the disaster. Affected persons should call the FEMA registration line at 800-621-FEMA to apply, or visit the FEMA website at <a href="www.fema.gov">www.fema.gov</a>.

For the disaster declared by President Bush on April 5<sup>th</sup> for storms of March 30-April 2, IA programs are now available in seven counties. (Andrew, Butler, Dunklin, Pemiscot, Pettis, St. Francois, and Stoddard).

All categories of Public Assistance (PA) are now available for the storms of **March 8-13** in **28 counties** (Bates, Bollinger, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cedar, Christian, Davies, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Iron, **Lawrence**, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pettis, Putnam, Randolph, Ray, Saline, St. Clair, **Vernon**, Washington, Webster, Wright). Public Assistance is made available to state and local governments, as well as qualifying private non-profit organizations, to help offset costs incurred while responding to the disaster and to help offset costs of eligible recovery projects.

Categories A & B (Debris Removal and Emergency Protective Measures) of Public Assistance is available for the storms of March 11-13 in one county (Jefferson).

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Categories A & B of Public Assistance is available for the storms of March 30-April 2 in two counties (Andrew, and Pettis). Pemiscot is now eligible in all categories of Public Assistance (PA) effective April 17, 2006

A second round of PA Applicant Briefings began on Friday, April 21, 2006. Applicant Briefings allow representatives from local governments and qualifying non-profit organizations an opportunity to learn about the PA program and gain a better understanding on costs and work that could potentially be eligible for Federal assistance.

- □ Andrew County—9am, WED, April 26, 2006, Andrew Co. Courthouse, Conference Room, 411 Court St. Savannah, MO.
- ☐ Iron County—9am, WED, April 26, 2006, Iron Co. Courthouse, Commission Room, 250 S. Main, Ironton, MO.
- □ Henry County—9am, WED, April 26, 2006, Henry Co. Courthouse, Extension Office, 100 W. Franklin St, Clinton, MO.
- □ Boone/Randolph Counties—9am, THU, April 27, 2006, Armory Sports Complex (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), 701 East Ash, Columbia, MO.
- Daviess County—9am, THU, April 27, 2006, Daviess Co. Courthouse, Commission Room, 102 N. Main, Gallatin,
  MO
- Benton/Hickory Counties—9am, THU, April 27, 2006, Truman Dam Visitors Center, 29027 Visitor Center Road, Warsaw, MO.
- Putnam County 9am, FRI, April 28, 2006, 4-H Building, City Park/County Fair Grounds, State Route 5 North, Unionville, MO.
- Saline County, 9am, FRI, April 28, 2006, Saline Co. Courthouse, On the Square (101 West Arrow St.), Marshall,
  MO.
- Cedar/St. Clair Counties—9am, FRI, April 28, 2006, Cedar Co. Courthouse, Main Courtroom, 113 South St., Stockton, MO.
- Missouri State Agencies—9am, TUE, State EOC, May 2, 2006, SEMA, 2302 Militia Dr, Jefferson City, MO
- ☐ Greene/Webster/Wright Counties 9am, TUE, May 2, 2006, Springfield/Greene Co. EOC, 833 North Boonville, Springfield, MO.
- Morgan County 9am, TUE, May 2, 2006, Justice Center, 211 East Newton, Versailles, MO.

The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has surveyed the location for temporary trailers in Caruthersville sites for housing the survivors of this disaster. The first travel trailers for temporary housing arrived in Caruthersville the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Debris removal remains an on-going concern. City officials are working with DNR to get approval to burn debris from an old cotton bale warehouse. The School Board will meet Thursday night (April 20, 2006) to determine the fate of the old High School Building. School resumed on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the elementary school.

#### Fatalities/Injuries:

Storm	Fatalities	Injuries	Notes
March 8-13	11	121	
March 30-April 2	3	26	
April 25	0	0	
State Total	14	147	

#### Damages to Homes

Storm	Destroyed	Damaged	Affected	Notes
March 8-13	399	2837	750	
March 30-April 2	247	838	384	
April 25	0	0	0	
State Total	646	3675	1134	

Five Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) remain open in the affected areas. The DRCs offer affected persons a facility where they can get information on a wide variety of state and federal disaster relief programs. DRCs are open from 9am-7pm, Mon-Sat; and 12pm-6pm on Sunday, except where noted below. DRCs are operating at the following locations:

- Boone County: 607 East Ash, Columbia,
- Pemiscot County: American Legion Hall #88, 716 Truman Boulevard, Caruthersville CLOSED SUNDAY

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Pettis County: MO State Fairgrounds, 2001 Clarendon, Sedalia (THIS DRC WILL CLOSE AT 7PM TODAY)

- Iron County: Iron County Courthouse, 250 South Main St., Ironton,
- Crawford County: Rivers of Life Fellowship, 470 Grand Dr, Steelville
- Dunklin County: 109 S Hopper St, Kennett (THIS DRC IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN ON THURSDAY)

For declared disasters 1631 and 1635, staff at the DRCs have assisted **1987** people through Tuesday: (**Only currently open DRC numbers are listed below**)

DATE	Sedalia	Ironton	Columbia	Steelville	Caruthersville
	Pettis	Iron	Boone	Crawford	Pemiscot
	County	County	County	County	Co.
March 19-31	180		-		-
April 1-15	124		-		576
April 17	8		-		57
April 18	7		2		66
April 19	8	-	1		74
April 20	5	4	6		82
April 21	3	1	4		56
April 22	1	2	2		37
April 23	0	2	1		0
April 24	6	1	7		61
April 25	5	1	6	2	64
Total	347	11	29	2	1053

The following Disaster Recovery Centers are closed (number of clients in parentheses): Paris -Monroe County (90); Nixa – Christian County (141); Perryville – Perry County (39); Unionville – Putnam County (79) Monroe City – Monroe County (67); Hermitage - Hickory County (44), Neosho – Newton County (14), El Dorado Springs – Cedar County (48) and Grovespring – Wright County (23)

#### State Actions:

- □ The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) continues at a limited Level I activation. SEMA along with FEMA, EPA, Caruthersville City and Pemiscot County are working to re-open a landfill in Pemiscot County for disposal of storm debris.
- □ Department of Labor and Industrial Relations has started issuing Disaster Unemployment Assistance payments for the March 11-13, 2006, disaster. People who are eligible should call 1-800-788-4002. Claimants that work or live in the remaining 27 counties, the deadline for claims is April 25, 2006.
- □ DNR is advising local units of government on proper disposal of disaster generated debris.
- ☐ The Department of Social Services (DSS) is coordinating water and mass care issues. DSS is coordinating with the major mass care partner agencies (Red Cross, Southern Baptist and Salvation Army).
- □ Effective March 24, 2006, farmers in 82 counties are eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loan assistance due to the severe storms and flooding which occurred March 11, 2006 through March 13, 2006: The counties are: Bates, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Cooper, Greene, Henry, Howard, Iron, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Mississippi, Montgomery, Morgan, New Madrid, Newton, Phelps, Putnam, Scott, St. Clair, Taney, Vernon, Webster, Wright, Adair, Audrain, Barry, Barton, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Chariton, Christian, Cole, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Franklin, Gasconade, Hickory, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Laclede, Lafayette, Livingston, Madison, Maries, McDonald, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Osage, Ozark, Pemiscot, Pettis, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Randolph, Ray, Reynolds, Saline, Schuyler, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Sullivan, Texas, Warren, Washington and Wayne.
- □ At Governor Blunt's request, Mr. Bob Cecil of the Federal Economic Development Administration will be at the JFO in Columbia on Wednesday, and in Pemiscot County and Caruthersville on Thursday to begin economic assessment activities.

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#### Other State Agency and Volunteer Agency Actions:

□ The American Red Cross has ceased the shelter/service center at the Community Center in Caruthersville. They served a total of 205 individuals at the shelter. Red Cross has 680 open cases that are being actively worked by volunteers. The Red Cross will have caseworkers continuing to serve new and existing clients out of the Drury Inn & Suites in Hayti.

☐ Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) –Eastwood Memorial UMC, Caruthersville

- AmeriCorps to date, 391 requests for assistance with light debris removal and tarping, 215 requests completed
- AmeriCorps 12 personnel serving in Caruthersville managing volunteer groups, intake of requests for light debris removal and tarping, and providing technical assistance and manpower for debris removal and tarping
- AmeriCorps NCCC team of 10 assisting with light debris removal and tarping requests
- AmeriCorps 392 volunteers processed from 26 different affiliated groups
- The Salvation Army planning for caseworkers and other assistance programs currently underway

☐ Point of Distribution (POD) – Old Library, 1002 Ward Ave, Caruthersville

- Distributing cleaning supplies, food, water, work gloves, and other items.
- Operated by the City of Caruthersville Point of Contact is Carol Wilcox

AmeriCorps continues to work with volunteers staffing the Missouri Tornado Hotline (866-254-0140). The hotline is open from **9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday** to process offers of donated goods, time or money, as well as requests for assistance. More than 300 calls have been taken since March 13, 2006, in the following categories:

DATE	REQUEST FOR	DONATION	VOLUNTEER	OTHER
	ASSISTANCE	OFFERS	OFFERS	(hang-up, etc)
Total Calls	181	77	44	16

Since April 12<sup>th</sup> 2006, no new calls have been reported received on the hotline monitored by AmeriCorps staff.

#### **Point of Contact:**

SEMA Duty Officer after hours (Starting at 4:30 pm) number is 573-751-2748. During normal duty hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address: <a href="http://sema.dps.mo.gov/SevereStormsApril2006.htm">http://sema.dps.mo.gov/SevereStormsApril2006.htm</a>